

To whom it may concern, Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of the Education Committee...thank you for hearing my thoughts on Bill , SB 874.

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Governors Bill No. 874, An act Concerning Education Initiatives and Services in Connecticut

Hello Education Committee. My name is Jennifer Matteis, and I am a parent educator.

I am opposed to the Governor's Bill No. 874, particularly Section 17 (pages 20-21), making changes to Section 10-184, and Section 18 (pages 21-22), making changes to Section 10-1600. I do not believe that this bill should include the drastic regulation changes proposed.

Requiring that parent educators " physically appear" to REGISTER their children with the Department of Education is complete discrimination.

Why are more and more parents deciding to " homeschool" their children? Public schools are failing our kids, statistics are showing decline in attendance. To require we register in person, when we have "withdrawn" from your system absolutely feels like discrimination and, I will say it's bullying. Why should we have to " register" with a group we no longer belong to?

Let us be heard... Our Kids, Our Choice!

Again, I am emphasizing my opposition to Governor's Bill 874. The change to Section 10-184 is extremely discriminatory and Section 10-1600 unneeded.

Thank you,

Jennifer Matteis